SHIMOGA MUNICIPALITY.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Board convened at the Deputy Commissioner's Office on the morning of the 3rd October 1888.

Present.

K. Nagesa Rao, Esq., Vice-President.
D. A. Choksi, Esq., Civil Surgeon.

Members.

Revd. B. Robinson, Wesleyan Missionary.
Mr. M. Ramprasad Tivari.
" T. Venkatappa.
" N. Mojappa.
" K. Honna Nayik.

Absent.

A. S. Nagavkar, Esq., Executive Engineer.
P. Sitaramaiya, Esq., Amildar.

Members.

Mr. K. Vedantaiengar.
" A. Sitaramappa.
" T. Bhima Rao.

1. Read docket No. 362, dated 10th September 1888, from the Civil Surgeon, Shimoga, and para 4 of the above officer's Annual Report for 1887—88 on the work performed by Mrs. Dawson, the Municipal midwife of the Shimoga Town.

Resolved that 6 months be given to Mrs. Dawson in order to show better results in the discharge of her duty and to gain more popularity amongst the residents of the Town and that the Civil Surgeon be requested to give the Board his opinion on Mr. Dawson's services on the expiry of the above period.

2. The meeting are of opinion that the present site for the disposal of the night-soil is objectionable being on the windward side of the Town in low swampy ground, so situated as to allow filth to percolate into the river, the water of which the people drink. The sweepings of the Town are not deposited in a suitable place, the Board therefore resolve that a sub-committee consisting of the following gentlemen be formed to select more suitable sites for these purposes :—

The President or Vice-President.
" Civil Surgeon.
" Executive Engineer.
Revd. B. Robinson.
Mr. M. Ramprasad Tivari.
" N. Mojappa.

The proposal of a sub-committee to be brought before the Board for discussion at the next meeting.

3. Read Shimoga Amildar's itilla No. 86, dated 18th August 1888, anent the encroachment on land belonging to the Municipality by the side of the road in Nagappa street by one Batni Gopal Rao, in constructing his house. As there is no Bye-law to enable the Board to take prompt and summary action in matters like this, the Board resolve that the Government be again moved to accord sanction to the introduction of Bye-laws into the Shimoga Town as requested in the Board Proceedings noted in the margin.

1. Proceedings, dated 15th November 1884.
2. Do 31st May 1887.
3. Do 16th August 1888.

4. The situation of the present Muhammadan grave-yard in an open space close to the high road and exposed to the view of the houses situated in its vicinity is, in the Board's openion, very objectionable. The Board are therefore of opinion that it is desirable that the Musalmans should build a wall on the road-side and plant a good hedge on the other sides. On explaining the matter to the Khazi and other Muhammadans present, they said they would consult the Musalman community and report their views to the Board.

Resolved that the Vice-President do ascertain the wishes of the Muhammadan community on the subject and submit a report to the Board.

5. Doctor Choksi proposed that a Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend to the sanitary condition of the Town generally and to test the quality of articles of food, &c., exposed for sale in the market.

Resolved that there is no necessity for a distinct appointment for this work, as the present Overseer who draws a salary of Rs. 25 a month and a horse allowance of Rs. 5 ought to be able to do it and must do it. The Vice-President and the Civil Surgeon were requested to draw up a set of rules for his guidance and it was resolved that the Overseer be ordered to keep a diary of the work done by him for presentation at each meeting.

The meeting adjourned till the 5th instant as there was no time to discuss the other subjects.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Shimoga Municipal Board held at the Deputy Commissioner's office on the morning of the 5th October 1888.

Present.

V. P. Madhava Rao, Esq., B. A., President.
K. Nagesa Rao, Esq., Vice-President.
D. A. Choksi, Esq., Civil Surgeon.
P. Sitaramaiya, Esq., Amildar.

Members.

Revd. B. Robinson, Wesleyan Missionary.
Mr. M. Ramprasad Tivari.
" N. Mojappa.
" K. Honna Nayik.

Absent.

Executive Engineer.

Members.

Mr. K. Vedantaiengar.
" T. Bhima Rao.
" A. Sitaramappa.
" T. Venkatappa.

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6. Read Shimoga Amildar's itilla No. 116, dated 23rd September 1888, submitting estimates for sanction for the following works in the Maharaja's Park of the Shimoga Town.

		Rs.
1.	Constructing tunnel to the feeder of the Park tank	67
2.	Digging check drains to draw off the surplus moisture	320
3.	Filling up earth to raise the level of the central circular road in the Park.	250
4.	Constructing two tunnels near the central circular roads ..	194
5.	Spreading gravel on the tank bund road	340
6.	Do do on the zigzag road above the bed of the tank ..	129
	Total....	1,300

Resolved that the above estimates be passed and that the amount thereof be met from the savings of the current year's budget as noted in the margin.

Name of Work.	Amount alloted in the Budget.	Amount to be appropriated.
Constructing road in front of Kumbargundi Matt	1,373	800
Do in Ailarkere	60	160
Repairing drain in front of Kotvalkatte	200	177
Do near Rangajoi's house	100	100
Compensation to be paid to the owners of land in Dandinagsarkere	94	63
		1,300

7. Read Shimoga Amildar's No. 112, dated 23rd September 1888, submitting a bill for Rs. 8 being the charge for preparing three plans and three estimates as detailed in the margin by Madurmuttu Pille, Draughtsman, Executive Engineer's Office, Shimoga Division.

1. The erection of waste-weir to the Park tank.
2. Step in the tank bund.
3. Arch tunnel across the main road in the Park.

Resolved that the bill be passed and the amount be paid from the Reserve fund.

8. Read Doctor Choksi's docket No. 392, dated 21st September 1888, applying for a sum of Rs. 20 for animal vaccination.

Resolved that the above sum be paid from the Reserve fund.

9. Read letter No. 4570—116, dated 25th September 1888 from the Chief Secretary.

(*a*.) Stating that the liquor license fees which the Board applied for have since been abolished and that in lieu thereof a small cess of annas two per gallon has been levied from 1st April 1887.

(*b*.) Enquiring if any portion and if so, how much of the Kumbargundi project was executed out of the amount, *viz*., Rs. 10,401 sanctioned last year for sanitary works in the Town and what proposals the Board would now make for the completion of the above work and (*c*) with regard to the proposed abolition of octroi duty on some articles requesting to be furnished with a statement showing actual realizations during the past five years from such of the articles as are proposed to be exempted from duty.

With reference to (*a*), the Board considering the present financial condition of the Municipality, thinks that if the Government were pleased to sanction the allotment to the Municipality of the revenue realized according to the new scale both on Europe and country liquors, it would be of considerable help to the Municipality towards carrying out some necessary improvements in the Town.

As regards query (*b*) the Board beg to bring the following to the notice of Government.

Out of the works sanctioned last year as sanitary measures, only the marginally noted two works belong to Kumbargundi; of which the road works are nearly completed but the tunnel work has not yet been commenced. By the formation of these roads some portions of Kumbargundi have been filled up and places where nuisance used to be committed by the people at large have been converted into public roads.

	Rs.
(1.) Opening new road through the backyards of the houses along the Main bazaar ...	1,000
(2.) Extending the existing road in front of the Kumbargundi Matt and connecting the same with the Main bazaar street together with the construction of a tunnel across the road in Kumbargundi	1,500

Some more work remains to be done to this Kumbarguudi which will have to be done in connection with the drainage scheme for the town, of which mention was made in Resolution No. 9, dated 30th December 1886. These projects require a large sum of money and professional skill for their elaboration and execution; the Municipality with its limited finances is unable to carry out these works and the Board therefore resolve to request the Government to entrust the same to the Department of Public Works or other special agency.

Regarding (*c*) the Board herewith submit a statement showing the actual realizations during the past 5 years from such of the articles as are proposed te be exempted from duty.

10. Read Dewan's Proceedings No. 468—76, dated 26th May 1888, and late Chief Commissioner's Nos. 2402—35 and 739—48, dated 6th July 1876 and 10th May 1880, regarding the levy of Municipal tax on Government buildings.

The building now occupied by the Deputy Commissioner appears from the records to have been private property up to Chitrabhanu 1882—83 and to have been taxed with Rs. 17 per annum by the Municipality. During the latter part of the year Chitrabhanu, it was purchased by the Government and the tax was remitted on the ground that it was Government property.

Resolved that this building be taxed from Sarvadhari 1888—89 according to the orders conveyed in the above Proceedings and also that a bill be forwarded to Government for the recovery of the arrears due from Sobhanu 1883—84 to Sarvajitu 1887—88.

11. A row of quarantine huts as per Civil Surgeon's suggestion have been constructed at a cost of Rs. 200 out of the town near the Distillery for the accommodation of travellers who pass from Districts where cholera is prevalent such as Tirupati, &c., so as to prevent the introduction of the disease into the Town as far as possible.

Resolved that the Deputy Commissioner be requested to obtain the sanction of the Government to meet the above sum from the Local Funds, as the Municipality is not in a position to bear the above charge for want of funds.

12. Read the following account of receipts and expenditures incurred on the formation of Clarke Pettah in the vicinity of the Shimoga Traveller's Bungalow :—

Receipts.

	Rs.	As.	P.
Amount given by Colonel Clarke ..	200	0	0
Sale proceeds of building sites in that Pettah	204	9	0
Total..	404	9	0
Deduct expenditure	192	10	2
Balance.. ..	*211	14	10
*In the Savings Bank ..	211	5	10
Cash in hand	0	9	0

Expenditure.

	Rs.	As.	P.
On account of compensation..	47	10	2
Cost incurred in filing suits against Gauligars ..	25	0	0
Price of land purchased from Nadig Ranga Rao ..	120	0	0
	192	10	2

The progress hitherto made in the opening of that new street is as follows :—

1. For the improvement of the same, land measuring acres 3, guntas 9 has been purchased from one Nadig Ranga Rao for Rs. 120.

2. A plan of the Pettah with its adjoining places has been prepared.

3. Some new roads have been opened.

4. Out of the locality set apart for that Pettah, sites have been so apportioned as to enable persons wishing to build houses there, to build decent ones 20 sites have been already purchased by certain persons to erect houses, and some of the latter have commenced to sink wells in their sites with the view of building houses as soon as they have secured a good supply of water, while others who are unable to incur the cost of sinking wells are deterred from building houses on the sites secured by them. A well at the cost of the Municipality would remove this drawback.

The Board resolve that the Municipality do take this matter into consideration when funds are available.

Statement showing the income from Octroi on the petty items during the past five years.

No.	Name of Articles.	Collections in— 1883—84.	1884—85.	1885—86.	1886—87.	1887—88.	Total.
1	Jaggory ...	161 6 3	264 8 2	444 12 9	218 15 6	235 4 6	1,324 15 2
2	Sugar ...	77 15 0	80 10 0	155 13 0	191 10 0	281 11 0	787 11 0
3	Oil ...	187 15 0	360 1 10	612 9 2	656 12 3	557 7 0	2,374 13 3
4	Sheep and goats ...	195 1 0	457 10 0	443 4 0	548 9 0	392 7 0	2,027 15 0
5	Cocoanuts, fresh ...	102 0 11½	147 8 5½	154 0 8½	136 1 9	127 0 11	666 12 9½
6	Do dry.	30 1 6	34 14 2½	38 13 9	34 9 9	39 6 0	177 13 2½
7	Betel-leaves.	182 10 9	250 0 7½	191 12 11	192 11 4	213 9 11	1,030 13 6½
8	Tobacco ...	237 15 3½	266 15 11½	298 0 8	255 8 10½	96 1 1	1,154 9 10½
	Total.....	1,175 1 9	1,862 5 3	2,330 2 11½	2,234 14 5½	1,942 15 5	9,545 7 10

K. NAGESA RAO,
Vice-President.